



About the Montana Gear Up Grant

In September 2011, MT Gear UP received a \$28 million grant.

- ACT Plus Writing for All Montana public school eleventh graders in their high schools on a school day
 April 2012: Implementation pilot in 51 Montana public high schools at no cost to the high schools.
 April 2013: All Montana public high schools

About the Montana Gear Up Grant The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI): • Manages the contract • Oversees the administration and training • Provides ACT with information for barcode labels for all students identified as being enrolled in the eleventh grade

About ACT

- Not-for-profit
- Education and the workforce
- 50+ years worth of functional data
- Research agenda
- Customer service

ACT's Mission

Helping people achieve education and workplace success.

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What is College Readiness?

College Readiness is the level of preparation a student needs to be equipped to enroll and succeed-without remediation-in a credit-bearing first-year course at a two-year or four-year institution, trade school, or technical school.

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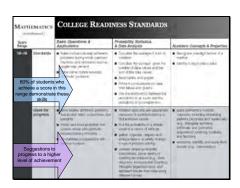
College Readiness Standards™

- Direct link between what students have learned and what they are ready to learn next.
- Help interpret the meaning of ACT scores.
- Identify the knowledge and skills students are likely to demonstrate at various score ranges on each academic test.



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http://act.org/standard/



ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks

Test	College Course	18 22	
English	English Composition		
Math	College Algebra		
Reading	Social Sciences	21	
Science	Biology	24	

- Empirically derived
- 50% chance of achieving a B or higher or about a 75% chance of achieving a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college course

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How ready are your students for life after high school?

Meet Ann

- ✓ Wants to major in Accounting likely a good fit
- ✓ Has some mismatched ideas about what she is looking for in a college
- ✓ Will probably have difficulty with freshman math and science requirements
- ✓ Is a strong write.
- √ Needs expectations managed about honors courses
- ✓ Good idea to inform her about campus employment or Work-Study opportunities

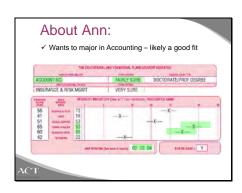


How do we know so much about Ann?

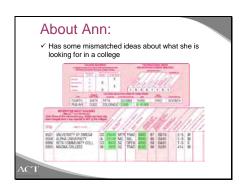


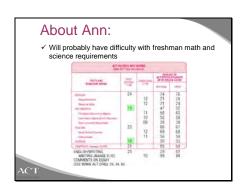












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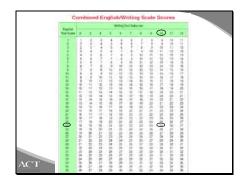


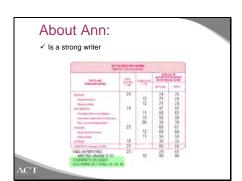
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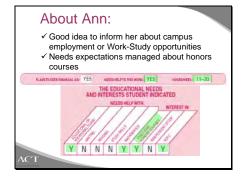


Comments on Essay

- Code Numbers Correspond to Comments
- Derived from Scoring Rubric

http://www.act.org/aap/writing/sample/comments.html

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Possible Next Steps

- ☐ Decide which score report elements warrant conversations with students.
- Decide which score report elements will help with school or district goals and initiatives.
- Discuss data sharing with appropriate school or district decision-makers.

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How will you maximize your ACT score report data to meet the needs of your students?

Resources

ACT Educator Site

Educator Resources

http://www.act.org/education/resources.html

ACT Student Test Prep http://www.actstudent.org/





ACT Plus Writing Administration Questions

Test Administration Issues 1-800-553-6244 ext. 2800

Test Accommodation Issues 1-800-553-6244 ext. 1788

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